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SUBJ: BANK PORTFOLIO CONSTRAINT REDUCED

- 1. ON JANUARY 20 THE INTERMINISTERIAL CREDIT COMMITTEE (CICR) REDUCED THE BANK COMPULSORY INVESMENT IN LONGER-TERM SECURITIES REQUIREMENT FROM 42 TO 30 PERCENT OF NET INCREASE IN TOTAL BANK DEPOSITS. THE NEW PERCENTAGE APPLIES TO PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 1976 TO MAY 31, 1977 AND RESTORES THE PERCENTAGE IN EFFECT DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1976.
- 2. THE PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOVE IS PROBABLY SMALL, GIVEN THE SEASONALITY FACTOR. DURING THE SIX MONTHS DECEMBER TO MAY, THE GROWTH OF BANK DEPOSITS IS USUALLY HIGHER THAN IN THE REMAINING MONTHS OF THE YEAR. THE LEVEL OF BANK INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES IS LIKELY TO REMAIN AT ROUGHLY THE SAME LEVEL, THEREFORE, IN SPITE OF THE REDUCTION IN THE PERCENTAGE. IN ADDITION, THE CURRENT LIQUID SITUATIONOF BANKS COMBINED WITH THE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS OF BANK LENDING WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PROMPT A SPONTANEOUS FLOW OF BANK INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES IN QUESTION AS WELL AS IN SHORT-TERM TRESURY BILLS.
- 3. IN RENEWING AND REDUCING THE PORTFOLIO CONSTRAINT, CIVCR UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO PROVIDED FOR THE FLOW OF BANK INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS FUND (CASSA DD.PP.) IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT BY INCLUDING THEST IN THE COMPOSITIONOF THE OBLIGATORY SECURITIES PORTFOLIO.VOLPE

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